

Chief, Economic Research Area

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Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

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Reclassification of [REDACTED] from Acting Branch Chief, I/CI to Branch Chief, I/CI.

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1. It is recommended that [REDACTED] designation be changed from Acting Branch Chief to Branch Chief, I/CI. [REDACTED] entered on duty with the Agency on [REDACTED] 1948 with a rating of P-4. His promotions came along regularly and he presently has a grade of GS-15. He became Acting Branch Chief, I/CI on 12 September 1954 at the time the Branch was made part of the Industrial Division. 25X1A9a 25X1A

2. During the year and eight months that [REDACTED] has been Acting Chief of the Branch very substantial progress has been made in the study of consumer expenditures in the Bloc. Two major research studies are about ready for publication. The first, a study of consumption in Communist China is an extremely fine piece of work. The second, a study of consumption in the USSR is presently being typed for coordination with D/A prior to publication. The portions of this which I have seen are also of high quality. In addition the branch has completed a great deal of original research on consumer expenditures and the production of light industry in the European Satellites. To date original research has been completed on East Germany, Hungary and Rumania. This work was done as part of the NIS program. 25X1A9a

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3. [REDACTED] has maintained very high morale in his Branch and has the respect of the people working for him. He knows when close supervision is required and when to give an analyst full freedom. He has conscientiously developed his own understanding of the consumer problems in the Sino Soviet Bloc and has read widely in the field.

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4. [REDACTED] has at least two other strengths which should be noted. The first is his editorial skill. The second is his keen interest in history. These coupled with his interest in his work, have made it possible for him to contribute in a great many ways to the development of the people in the Branch and to D/I as a whole.

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5. In summary, there is no question in my mind but that this recommendation is, if anything, overdue. [REDACTED] is a valued member of the top D/I team.

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